

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

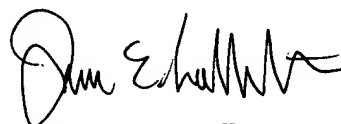
The pending office action indicates that claims 5-9 are directed to allowable subject matter, but asserts a 35 USC 112, first paragraph, rejection against claim 5.

Claim 5 has been amended as suggested in the office action to overcome the sole outstanding rejection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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